

REMARKS IN RESPONSE

Claims 1-6 and 8-19 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-2, 5, 8-9, 12, 14-15, 17 and 18 have been preliminarily amended, as set forth above.

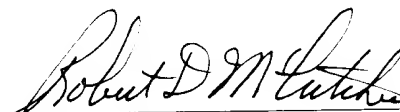
Applicants assert that the remaining Claims 1-6 and 8-19 in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request an early allowance of such Claims.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner call the undersigned attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes it would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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